State Of South Dakota

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

On Saturday, July 3, 1982, Allen Merclean was driving with his daughter, Kathy, down St. Patrick Street in Rapid City, when suddenly he was rendered unconscious by a full cardiac arrest.

Thinking quickly, Kathy safely brought the car to a stop and began loudly calling for help. Responding to the girl's urgent cries, Dylan Zubke rushed to the Merclean car and immediately began rescue efforts on the dying man from New Jersey.

Dylan Zubke never wasted a moment. He knew that unless he acted immediately, a middle-aged man would pass from this life prematurely. Because of his benevolence and his powerful concern, Dylan did not turn his back on this life-or-death ordeal. When Kathy showed fear for her father's life, Dylan was quick to comfort her and to strive for some solutions. When a registered nurse happened on the scene, he teamed up with her to perform cardio--pulmonary resuscitation.

When the police came and the ambulance had arrived, Dylan Zubke stuck with the rescue mission until law enforcement officers and paramedics were prepared to take over.

Although there were others who contributed to the final resuscitation of Allen Merclean, Dylan Zubke was still the first man on the scene. Because of this, Dylan felt a strong ethical responsibility to act in those first crucial minutes. And act he did. By remaining calm and working as a team with the registered nurse, Mr. Zubke was able to help save a man's life. This is truly an act of heroism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

DYLAN ZUBKE

and I join Dylan's family and friends in congratulating him for using his wits and staying cool in this life and death emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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